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ef. .5-3223/38. South Kanara Collector's
Mangalore, 16th November

ri Rao Bahadur ... V. Vellodi, B.A.,
Collector of South Kanara.

To

The Secretary to the Board,
Land Revenue & Settlement,
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Sir,

Leases - Land - Mangalore port limits - sandspi
Reduction of rate - Petition of fishermen.

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I resubmit herewith the petition received with L.Dis.B-3726-38, dated 18.5.1938 as the enquiry has revea that the case of the petitioners calls for a reconsiderati of the orders issued in B.P.Mis.No.3692, dated 30.11.1937.

2. The petitioners are all fishermen living on th sandspit which lies between the sea and the backwater to t west of the Mangalore Town. This occupied area in the sands is all within the Port limits. A sketch of the locality i enclosed. There are about 120 dwelling houses of the fis men on the sandspit, each occupying an extent of about 8 cent . Prior to the receipt of B.P.Mis.No.3692, dated 30.11.1937, these occupations under leases were being charged at Rs.25/- per acre. In pursuance of the orders now received, steps r being taken to obtain lease deeds charging rent at a rate o Rs.50/- and Rs.100/- per acre. The petitioners urge that t rate is too high and prohibitive so far as they are concerne and pray for the restoration of the old rate.

3. In this connection, I invite attention to thi reports cited below submitted in reply to Board's reference noted against them.

1. L.Dis.1861-34, dated 28.6.34 - Board's Ref...1861- dated 11.4.34.

3. Ref.No.5384-35, dated 16.12.35 - Board's Ref.No.6527-34-4, dated 14.11.35.

A perusal of the connected records bearing finally to Board's Order, dated 30.11.1937 indicates that in fixing the present rates, the Board has had no occasion to take into consideration the fact that the sandspit within Mangalore port limits contained mostly the dwelling houses of fishermen. The idea behind the present orders seems to be that the land is bound to be specially valuable by the very reason of its being within the limits of an important port like that of Mangalore and that it would be generally put to valuable use, though of a non-marine nature. But, the conditions existing on the sandspit are different and perhaps peculiar to it. The sandspit which lies within the port limits is about 275 acres in extent and is hardly useful for port purposes. The backwater between it and the mainland which is about 1/2 a mile in width cuts off from the main land, the occupiers of the dwelling houses on the sandspit and thus deprives them of the usual facilities enjoyed by those on the mainland. The fishermen appear to have originally been residents on the mainland by the riverside and had to move to the sandspit after the acquisition of their residential quarters for railway purposes. The mere use of the sandspit for dwelling purposes by the fishermen cannot be regarded as a special privilege to justify the rate of rent usually charged for occupation within port limits. It was apparently in view of these considerations that a rate of Rs.25/- was recommended by Mr. Gawne - please see his letter, D.Dis.1801-34, dated 28.6.1934 though unfortunately these pertinent facts were not specifically brought to the notice of the Board.

4. The fishermen living on the sandspit are mostly poor folk and I am convinced that the rate of rent prescribed in B.P.No.Mis.3692, dated 30.11.1937 is too high so far as they are concerned. I therefore recommend that the orders of the Board mentioned above may be reconsidered and as a special case, the occupations on the sandspit for non-marine purposes

may be charged at Rs.25/- per acre.

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For Collector.

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Mangalore,

Dated 12th May, 1938.

To

The Hon'ble The Board of Revenue,

Land Revenue, Madras.

Humble representation of the Fisherfolk, residing in Sandspit, Mangalore, South Kanara.

16.5.38

Most Respectfully Sheweth:-

That your petitioners are poor fisherfolk, who were driven away from their hearths and home about 37 years ago, when their area covered by their residential quarters, the land having been acquired for Railway purposes. Having thus been thrown out bag and baggage, petitioners did not know what to do and the then Collector kindly suggested that petitioners could go to the other side of the river and occupy the sandspit. As the only vocation which petitioners follow and practice is fishing, they agreed to the suggestion and adopted the same and now they are about 150 families living on the sandspit who had lost their house sites on the mainland.

Some time after their settling down on the sandspit, they were asked to pay ground rent at the rate of Rs.12/- per acre and even this amount is considered too high and many found it hard to pay. Now to the great grief and dismay, petitioners learn that the ground rent is increased from Rs.50/- to Rs.100/- per acre and they are required to execute lease bonds. The land on the sandspit was given to them for occupation more as a compensation for the loss they have incurred and as unlike members of other communities they could not go and settle down anywhere except on river side.

They are a set of hard-working, yet extremely poor men and in their loyalty to the British throne they stand second to none.

In recent years, the catches of fish are diminished by almost 50% and petitioners have not other vocations to

to follow. Their job moreover is a most hazardous one, as they have to be in the sea and river in fair and foul weather.

The land they occupy are intended only for constructing nuts and no other trees are permitted to be grown and as such they are not allowed to make the land productive and remunerative.

I these circumstances, petitioners most respectfully pray that the Hon'ble the Board of Revenue may be graciously pleased to send for the connected papers and direct that the existing rates and system of ground rent shall continue.

For which act of justice and kindness, petitioners will ever feel grateful.

Any order to this may be sent to the address of Koosayya Puttranna, son of Manju Karkera, Sandspit, Mangalore.

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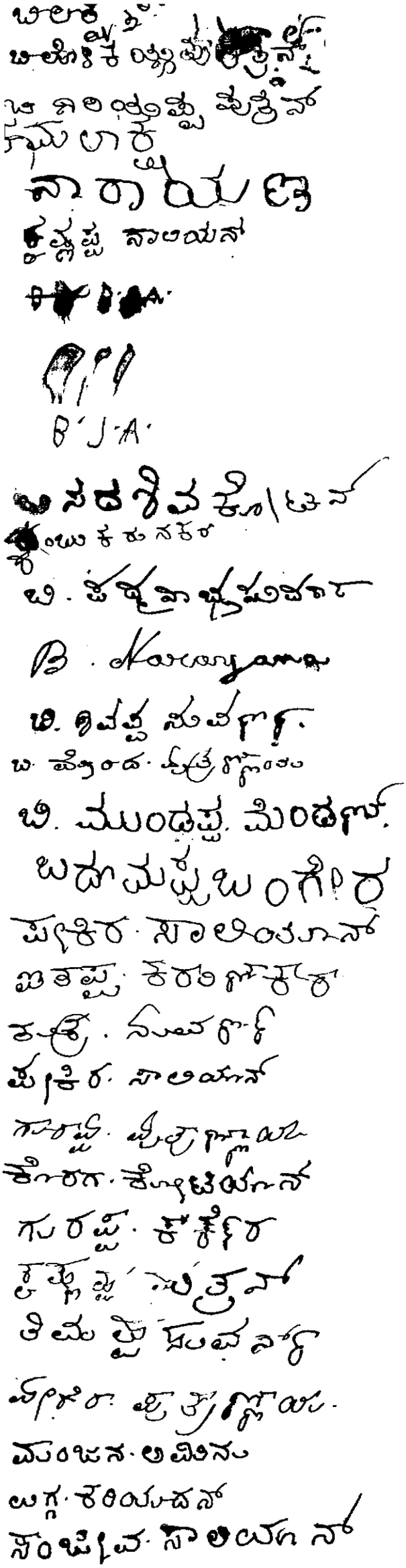

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Leases. Land (S. Kanara) Mangal Port Limits - Sandspit - Rent Reduction of rate - Proposals Approved.

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Dpl-3 CF. B.7559. From the Clr of S Kanara Refce As- 3223/38 dy 16.11.38

Resln Mis 3521 dt 13.12.38.

The Board approves the Clr's proposal to levy a rent of Rs 25/- per acre per year in the case of the occupations of dwelling purposes by fishermen on the sandspits within the port limits of Mangalore.

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To The Clr of S. Kanara with a sketch.

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Note for

Leases - Land (S. Kanara) Mangalore port limits - Sandspit - Rent - Reduction of rate - Proposals.

B.7559. From the Collr of S. Kanara Rly. A... 133 4/16

In B.P. No. 3692/30.11.37 the rent for the lease of lands situated within the Mang port limits for non-marine purposes is fixed between Rs 50 to 100/- per acre. The Collr reports that the fishermen who are using the sandspits in Mangalore port limits for dwelling purposes request that the old rates of Rs 25/- an acre may be fixed for the occupation of the sandspits. The Collr recommends that as the fishermen are poor and are unable to pay the enhanced rate the old rate may be fixed. He also points out that the sandspit is cut off from the mainland & lack many facilities. The orders of the Bd are nec to fix rents outside the maxima and minima prescribed by the Govt. In the circumstances stated by the Collr, the Bd may accept his recommendation.

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TO A-S(C-R)

Draft submitted

B.P. No. Nil 3521
Dated 13.12.38

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